

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 14-24 are pending in this application. Claims 17-24, as before, are withdrawn as non-elected, without prejudice to their presentation in a divisional application.

Claims 1-6, 10, 11, and 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laurent. Claims 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laurent in view of O'Connell.

Applicants respectfully traverse these obviousness rejections.

In addition to the Declaration evidence submitted previously in this application, submitted herewith please find a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 executed November 11, 2010 by Paul Luckham, who has been a Professor in Particle Technology, Chemical Engineering Department since 1997 for Imperial College London.

The inventive composition is a “composition for forming a fabric by spraying onto a supporting surface... wherein the composition is sprayable and, upon being sprayed onto the supporting surface, forms the fabric.” (Applicants’ Claim 1.) That this inventive composition is very removed from Laurent can be better appreciated in view of the Declaration evidence, submitted herewith, that rebuts the Examiner’s assumptions underlying the obviousness rejections.

Without repeating here all of the attached Declaration evidence, please especially note that as described beginning at paragraph 7 in Professor Luckham’s Declaration dated November 11, 2010, Example 1 of Laurent has been replicated and tested. When the composition of Laurent’s Example 1 is sprayed onto a surface, it is a sprayed liquid that runs and no fabric is formed. An inventive composition sprayed under the same conditions produces a fabric, which is an unexpected result. The assumptions underlying the obviousness rejections have been rebutted by the evidence of unexpectedly superior results for the claimed invention compared to Laurent.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness rejections are respectfully sought.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, claims 1-11, 14-16 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephone or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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